

Site M:26/11/3

Porter Ward House

100 South Washington Street, Rockville

Built: 1893 replaced house built c. 1799 Private/Restricted Access

James W. Anderson, M.D. was taxed for his "house and lott" here in 1799. His daughter Julia Anderson razed the old house and office in 1893 and constructed this 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story frame house with square corner tower and front and side porches. It has since been used as a home and office by generations of Rockville professionals and tradesmen. It lies directly across the street from the Courthouse, making it, since Dr. Anderson's time, a prime and convenient location; it is now a law office and ⁱⁿ nearly original condition.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M:26/11/3

Magi No. 1651125611

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Porter Ward house

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 100 South Washington Street

 not for publication

city, town Rockville

 vicinity of

congressional district 8

state Maryland

county

Montgomery

3. Classification

Category

 district
☒ building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

 public
☒ private
 both

Public Acquisition

 in process
 being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

 agriculture
☒ commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

 museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph S. McCarthy, et al

street & number 100 South Washington Street

telephone no.: 762-7770

city, town Rockville

state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Montgomery County Land Records

liber 3752/324

street & number

Montgomery County Courthouse

and folio 5957/379

city, town

Rockville

state

Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Locally designated historic district - 1974

date M-NCPPC - 1976

 federal ☒ state ☒ county ☒ local

depository for survey records

City of Rockville

city, town

Rockville

state

Maryland 20850

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This 2½-story, three-bay by four-bay frame Victorian house is situated on the southeast corner of West Jefferson and South Washington Streets. Set on a fieldstone foundation and under a black asphalt shingled cross-gable roof, this asymmetrical German sided house is roughly rectangular in its overall form.

The west facade is composed of a three-story tower and a 2½ story, 2-bay gable end. The gable end has two windows on each floor and a round attic vent with four pronounced keys set in the center of the wood-shingled tympanum. On the northwest corner a square three-story tower rises over the main entry. The paired windows on both the second and third stories are topped by a square and diamond slate roof and a crest-like finial. An entry porch across the facade has turned posts, square balusters, and a railing skirt containing some original paneled boarding. A grid motif pattern pediment is located over the northwest entry. A three-paneled, square windowed pine door has an adjoining rectangular window to the north comprised of multi-colored squares surrounding a larger acid-etched central pane.

The north facade shares the corner tower with the west facade but has a different composition and appearance. Adjoining the tower is a small 1½ story appendage with two double hung decorative stairwell windows; this in turn connects to a 2½ story, 2-bay gable end. In this section a small raised entry porch with turned posts and a rebuilt frame shelters a nine-light 'colonial' door. A round, louvered attic vent is set into the gable. The eastern slope of the roof continues at its center to cover a projecting rear (east addition).

The fenestration on the south facade is different. The paired windows on both stories have a slender, five paneled divider between them. A one story, two bay protrusion on the southeast gable end is partially obscured by a group of added one-story projections that conceal the southwest corner of the house as well as the entire east (rear) facade.

100 South Washington, presently in use as law offices, is well maintained and in good condition. With a prominent corner tower reminiscent of the several Italianate Victorians in Rockville, its unusual massing and character defies stylistic categorization.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1893	Builder/Architect	Thomas C. Groomes
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The 1893 house erected for Ms. Julia Anderson is an interesting mixture of elements of both the Queen Anne and the neo-classic architectural styles. Its square corner tower is angled between two gabled blocks, each having entrance porches. The plan of the house reflects its century-old use as both a home and office for generations of Rockville's doctors, lawyers and professional men. The original house on this site was occupied by three generations of Andersons, beginning with the 1799 home and office of Dr. James Anderson. The second house, built by his grand-daughter, is in near-original condition.

During the summer of 1893 the Montgomery County Sentinel reported on the planning and construction of the subject house in two articles:

July 7 - "The Anderson house on Washington Street, occupied for many years by the late John W. Anderson and family will be torn down in a few days."

July 14 - "Mr. Thomas Groomes, architect and builder, has drawn the plans and contracted with Miss Julia Anderson for the erection of an 8-room dwelling on the site of the old Anderson homestead. The house will contain 8 rooms with tower, bay windows and porches. The house will be first class style...to be finished by next November."

The attached photo is dated Sunday, June 18, 1893, and was undoubtedly taken to commemorate the old house before its razing. Along with a photograph taken 20 years earlier, it documents the 1790's house.¹

The original house was the residence and office of Dr. James W. Anderson, who practiced in Rockville between 1791 and 1836. The earliest records show that in 1785 William P. Williams sold lot 5 "in Williamsburgh" to Allen Bowie, Thomas Cramphin and Richard Wooton. In 1793 Adam Robb was renting lot 5 for \$35.00 a year, and in 1798 Robb owned adjoining lot #4, which was the probable site of his Tavern.² The 1799 Tax Assessment lists James Anderson as the owner of "house and lot" valued at 250².

After Dr. James Anderson died in 1836, the house became the property of his son, Dr. John Wallace Anderson (b. 1805) until his death in 1869. In 1881 Ms. Julia Anderson bought out the shares of the other heirs and then built the second house. In the later years of the 19th century, Julia Anderson was actually living next door at 104 South Washington Street with

her sister-in-law Mary B. Anderson, who had lost her son and husband in one year.³ The subject house was rented and later sold to Dr. George Lewis in the 1920's.

Porter Ward retired from ownership of the Ward Brothers Grain and Feed Store near the B&O Depot and sold the business to Paul Wire. Mr. Ward purchased 100 South Washington and devoted the next several years to a real estate business. He lived here until his death in 1968.⁴

100 South Washington Street has been used as a Law Office since it became the property of McCarthy and Wharton in 1968.

1. Montgomery County Historical Society Photo, #066-001-019A "Dr. John Wallace Anderson Home". The photo was taken by W. A. Anderson, and includes Ms. Julia and Mrs. Rose Anderson Williams of Williams Farmhouse (Site 26/10/37). The photo was donated by Dr. William Linthicum. The other photo #066-001-19B is undated, but appears from the costume to be c. 1870's.
2. Rockville Public Library, Reel #161 27140A and Land Records H/595; Houses and Lots in Williamsburg, 1793-1799 - Taxes
3. Rockville social historians have always identified 104 S. Washington Street as "Julia Anderson House", even though it was built by Mary B. Anderson in 1884. Julia did not seem to be identified with the 1893 subject house even though she built it.
4. William Prettyman recollections, published in Montgomery County Story, Vol. IX, No. 1, (1965) and information from newspapers, real estate atlases and interviews with other Washington Street residents.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Tax & Equity Records
Montgomery County Historical Society: photos, family histories, Story
Maps & Atlases
Montgomery County Sentinel

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .29 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of Lot 5, original Town of Rockville, at southeast corner
of Jefferson and Washington Streets

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne W. Cissel/Glen Leiner, arch. desc.organization Peerless Rockvilledate September 1984street & number P.O. Box 4262telephone 762-0096city or town Rockvillestate Maryland 20850

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the central; Washington County, the upper; and Montgomery County, the lower division. Montgomery County was named after the gallant General Richard Montgomery, who fell on the Heights of Quebec in 1775, yielding up his life in the heroic attempt to rescue the Canadas from the dominion of Great Britain, and secure them to the then struggling cause of liberty in the American Colonies.

This was the first County that ignored the custom of naming towns and counties after princes, lords and dukes, and adopting in their stead illustrious republican names. As subdivisions went on, and new counties were formed, such pretentious names as My Lord Baltimore, Lord Frederick, Lord Arundel, and Prince George, gave way before advancing ideas, and names made memorable, both in the civil and military service, appeared, viz: Washington, Carroll, Howard, and Garrett—all distinguished by a long and honorable career as eminent citizens and public officers.

The first efforts towards the organization of Montgomery County was made by Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, a member of the State Convention, who, on the 31st of August, 1776, presented to the President of the Convention, an Ordinance for the division of Frederick County into three distinct and separate counties,—which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On the 6th of September following the Ordinance was again called up, and passed by a small majority. In relation to Montgomery County, it

Resolved, That after the first day of October next, such part of the said County of Frederick, as is contained within the bounds and limits following, to wit: Beginning at the east side of the mouth of Rock Creek on the Potomac River, and running thence with the said river to the mouth of the Monocacy, then with a straight line to Par's Spring, from thence with the line of the County to the beginning, shall be and is hereby erected into a new County called MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

In the succeeding year ROCKVILLE was selected as the County-seat. It was then but a small hamlet, with several small holdings, including Hungerford's Tavern, which is still standing and occupied by Mrs. Susan Russell, whose grandfather, Joseph Wilson, built and owned it, and the Anderson house, in which Miss Julia Anderson lives. The old court-

house was built shortly afterwards, and the first Court held in 1779.

On the 3rd of August, 1784, William Prather Williams purchased the land surrounding the court-house, and immediately caused it to be laid off into streets and town lots by Col. Archibald Orme, County Surveyor, and named it Williamsburg.

At the November Session, 1801, of the General Assembly of the State, an Act was passed, which, after reciting that the titles to these lots were uncertain, because there was no record of the survey thereof made by Col. Orme, erected the place into a town called Rockville, and appointed Commissioners to re-survey it.

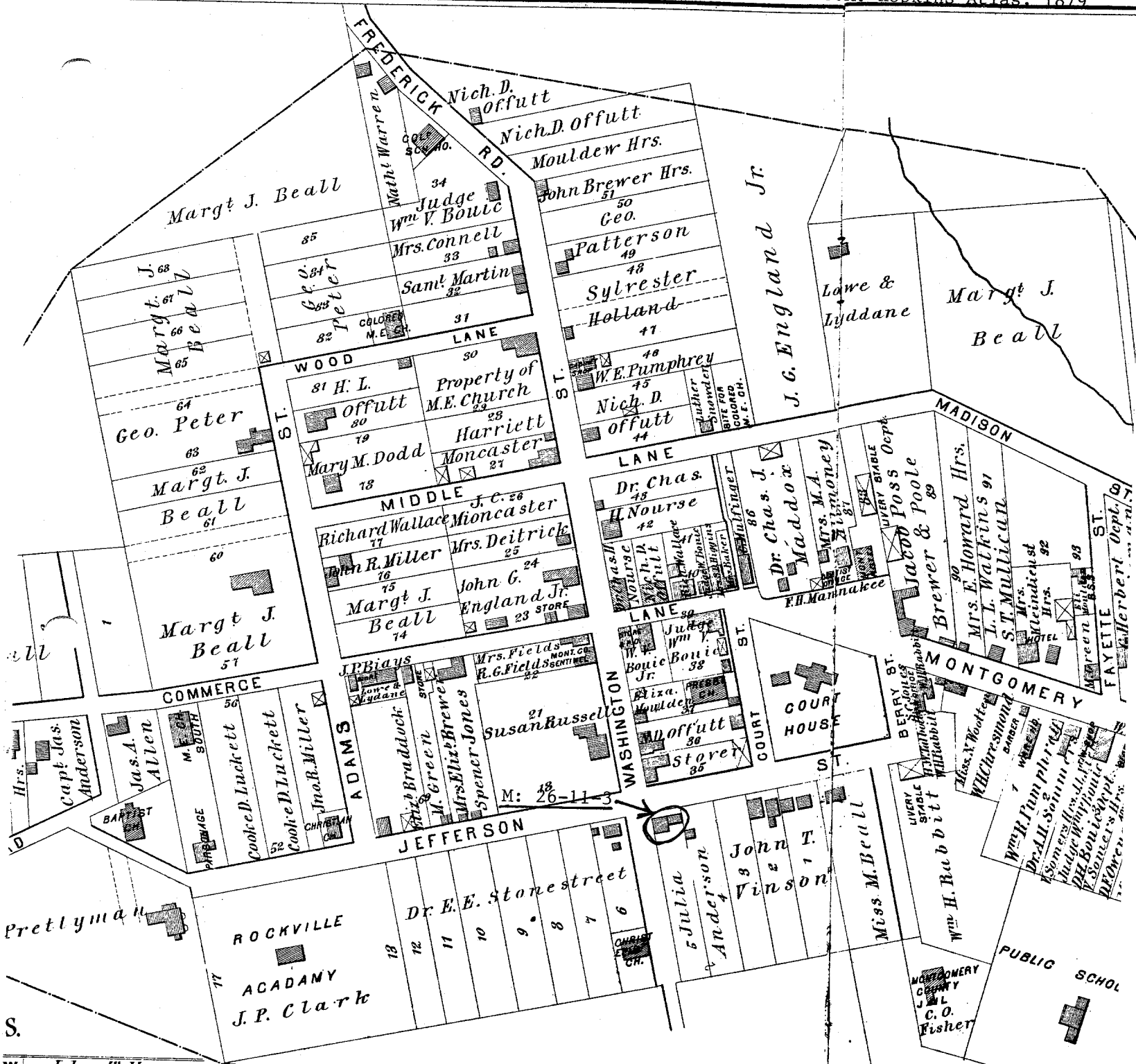
At the November Session, 1802, there was a supplemental Act passed, and, in 1803, the Commissioners caused the re-survey and a plan of the town to be made by William Smith, County Surveyor, which is recorded in Liber L., of the Land Records of the County.

It was at first contemplated to call the town Wattsville, but Watts' Branch being regarded as too insignificant a stream, it was finally concluded to honor its more assuming neighbor, Rock Creek, and hence the name, Rockville.

The old Hungerford, or Russell House, is not only the oldest building in the place, but also, from its associations, the object of greatest interest to the antiquary. Mrs. Richard Wootton, a sister-in-law of that Thomas Sprigg Wootton who moved the erection of the County, danced at a ball given in it one hundred and nine years ago.

The new County having been erected and furnished with a capital, it soon became necessary to lay it off into precincts; and, in 1798, an Act of Assembly was passed to divide it into five election districts, which was affirmed in 1799; and, in the same year, Daniel Reintzell, Hezekiah Veitch, Thomas Fletchall, John Adamson, and Thomas Davis, were appointed Commissioners, and marked out its five divisions, consisting of Rockville district, Medley's district, Berry's district, Cracklin district, and Clarksburg district.

In 1878, the County was re-districted and divided into eight election precincts, viz: First district, Cracklin; Second district, Clarksburg; Third district, Medley's; Fourth district, Rock-



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Geo. Peter, Jas. P. Henderson.

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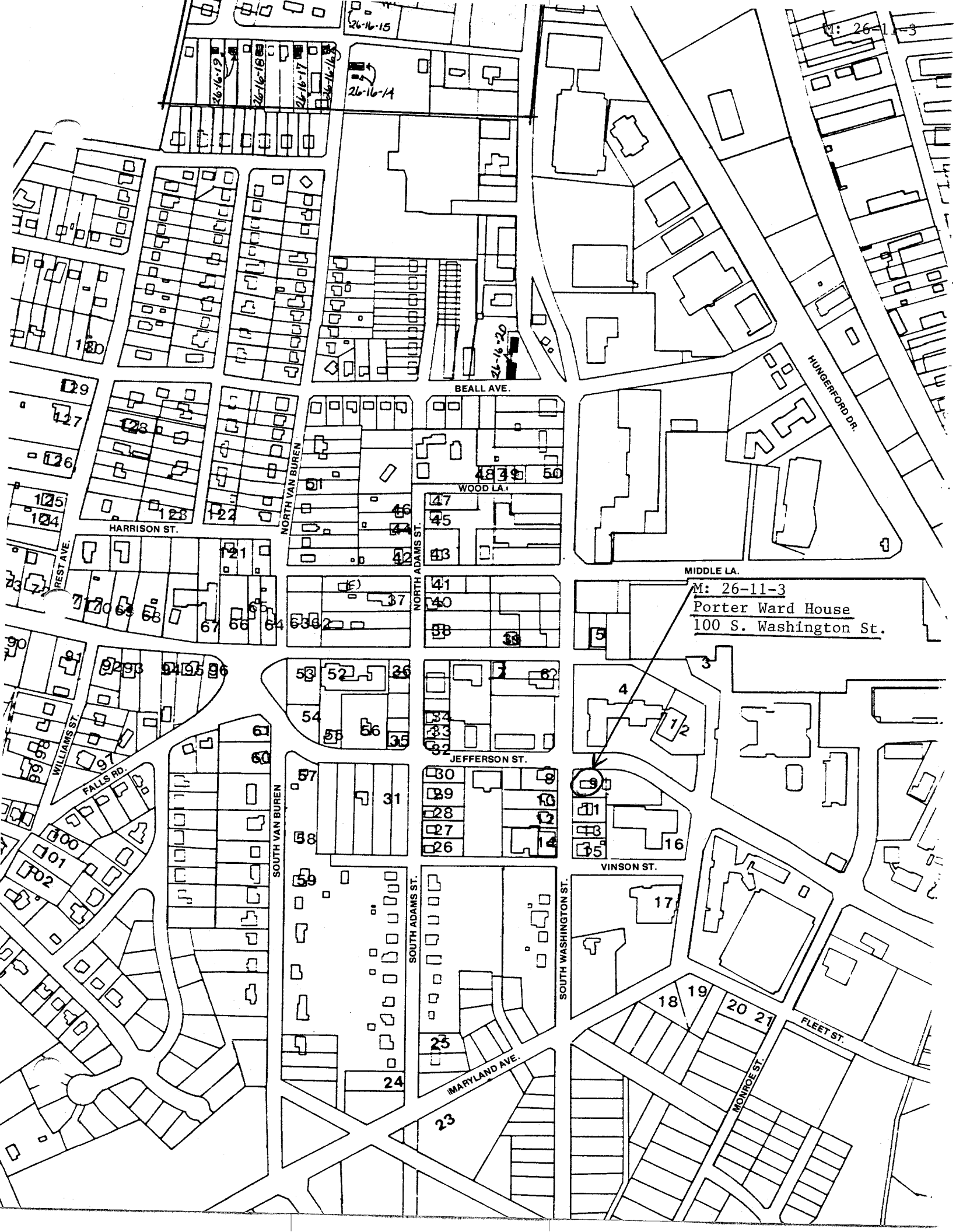
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Manufacturer and Dealer in Pure
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Explanation.

■ Stone & Brick building
▨ Frame
⊞ Brick stable
⊞ Frame



26-16-15

26-11-3

26-16-14

26-16-20

BEALL AVE.

HUNGERFORD DR.

HARRISON ST.

NORTH VAN BUREN

WOOD LA.

MIDDLE LA.

M: 26-11-3
Porter Ward House
100 S. Washington St.

JEFFERSON ST.

VINSON ST.

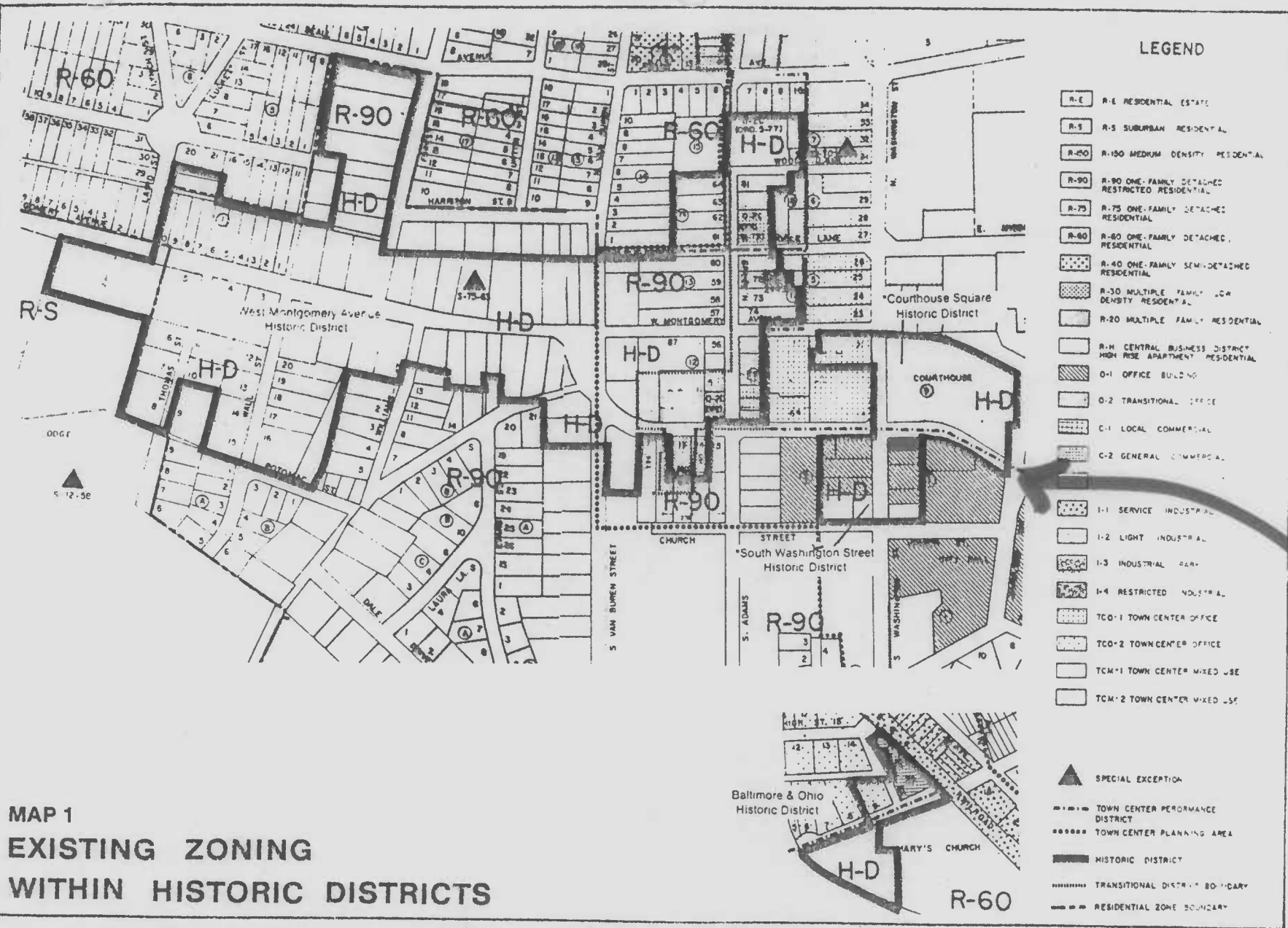
SOUTH ADAMS ST.

SOUTH WASHINGTON ST.

MARYLAND AVE.

FLEET ST.

MONROE ST.



*Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.



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Porter Ward House
100 S. Washington St.

C. 1870



JUNE 18, 1893

M: 26/11/3
Porter Ward House
100 S. Washington St.

M: 26/11/3
Porter Ward house
Peerless Rockville calendar 1980





RICHARD H. ANDREWS
1608 Farragut Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20851

M: 26/11/3

PORTER WARD HOUSE
100 So. Washington St.

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WEST/NORTHWEST ELEVATION

AUGUST, 1984



NAME Porter Ward House
100 S. Washington Street

(COURT HOUSE HIST. DISTRICT)

LOCATION SE CORNER WASHINGTON + JEFFERSON STREETS

FACADE N ROCKVILLE, MD

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